

# COMMUNITY GENERATED BOND PROJECT IDEAS

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- Project ideas were submitted September 10 – October 15, 2012 via Speak Up Scottsdale
- 8 project ideas were submitted
- The process was promoted via
  - Two press releases
  - An article in the Arizona Republic
  - The City's Bond Task Force Webpage
  - The Feature News on the City's Website [www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov)
  - Scottsdale Update, the City's electronic publication
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Speaking Engagements
  - The Feature News section of Speak Up Scottsdale

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## Hayden Road Streetscape

Hayden Road south of Indian School Road is blighted in places and in need of a character to reflect the older housing in the area. The areas north and south of Oak and especially at Monte Vista are an embarrassment to the city. The decline deters business from investing in the area and people from investing in the homes. A few years ago SRP updated the substation and it made a big difference. It seems that the churches in the area have the biggest problems with blight. Can the city bring the landscape up to code in the areas that are paved to the sidewalk? What about sound walls for the neighborhoods along Hayden Road that of course would help with noise but also are a cohesive element to the redevelopment. Hayden Road was widened a few years ago from 2 lanes each way to 3 lanes. This has brought more noise into the area. It would be a great uplift for South Scottsdale to have Hayden Road updated.

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## Scottsdale Needs Public Pickleball Courts

Pickleball is the fastest growing participation sport in Arizona. Virtually every sizeable city in the Valley, except Scottsdale, has public courts. Fountain Hills has 6 courts (3 of which are lighted) and over 150 members of their public “club”. While the game is played by all ages, it’s particularly attractive to the over 50 set --- perfectly matching Scottsdale’s demographics. And would be an attractive addition to what’s offered to visitors. One tennis court can be easily converted into four Pickleball courts, allowing 16 doubles players to play at any one time. A modest court fee would pay for the conversion in short order.

## Finish Indian School Road

I think it would be a good idea if the improvements made to Indian School Road between Hayden and Pima Roads were completed before Thomas Road starts. Every day while walking my pet in my neighborhood I see the same spray-paint markings identifying issues unfinished from that project a few years ago. Broken sidewalks and asphalt stamping on some street entrances and some aren't. Please finish Indian school before Thomas Rd begins.

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## Indian Bend: Round-a-bout

There is a very dangerous 45 degree exit intersection which handles over a million vehicles each year and is an unacceptable traffic engineering plan that can be economically corrected/eliminated with a round-a-bout to be located a few hundred yards east of that intersection. It would improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and automatically reduce speeds of over 60MPH on Indian Bend. McCormick Railroad Park would benefit as well with the reduced speeds on behalf of the many families and children attempting to cross Indian Bend in high speed traffic.

## Smithsonian Annex

Years ago I was excited at the prospect. We need to lobby them and get a Western Annex here in our great town. Again, we need to move beyond retail, food, and resorts. Those are all great things, but Phoenix is beating at our door, and so is the Pima community, all adding viable alternatives. If we sleep, we lose. Mesa's art center is amazing, and one day their downtown will take hold. We have the tourist draw. Let's build upon it!

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## Connecting Scottsdale Community College to Arizona State University

Extend the greenbelt which currently runs from McDonald to ASU up to Scottsdale Community College, by way of Chaparral Road, so both students and staff can safely cross Pima Road and get around or under the 101 safely.

## Western Perspective Bird Sanctuary

Ponds, marshes, trees, and an education center (museum), where people can learn, and the birds that are more typical of our environment and of the West in general are free to find refuge in this wonderful multi-acre, man-and-nature-made protected environment. I do not have a location in mind, but north Scottsdale is probably the most logical area. This could be a rallying point for the city to bring this to fruition. This would be a great tourist draw as well. We need to move past shopping, resorts and restaurants in this town to remain a place of choice.

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## Scottsdale Rose Garden Magnifica

A rose garden for all generations to come. A tourist draw, a meeting place, a learning center. Roses do very well in our heated climate. Possible location would be the Green Belt Park just south of Chaparral Park (the old golf course). That is a beautiful central location, close to downtown, but yet, as a park, it is a bit underwhelming. Much of the infrastructure is in place. Add pathways, gazebos, sitting benches, elevated terraces, and lush rose gardens. It could also serve as a draw for weddings, educational school outings etc...yet, maintain its Green Belt link.

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## Next Steps

- None of the projects ideas submitted were in the future projects database.
- The projects will be reviewed in greater detail at the November 7, 2012 Bond Task Force Meeting.
- Should research on any of these projects be accelerated so that the project may be considered for the 2013 Bond Program?